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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE: Series Change

Beginning with the April 1975 release, all total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates for the State and all areas have been revised - including seasonally adjusted series - and are not comparable with data published earlier. The Montana State Employment Security Agency, like all State Employment Security Agencies, is revising its total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates to reflect new data on persons entering and re-entering the labor force. The old series was based on relationships that existed in the early 1960's. Over the intervening decade these relationships have shifted as a result of institutional changes such as the earlier openings of schools in the fall and earlier closing in the spring, and demographic changes such as increased labor force participation of women. Historical series for State and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas - both raw and seasonally adjusted - back through 1970 are available upon request.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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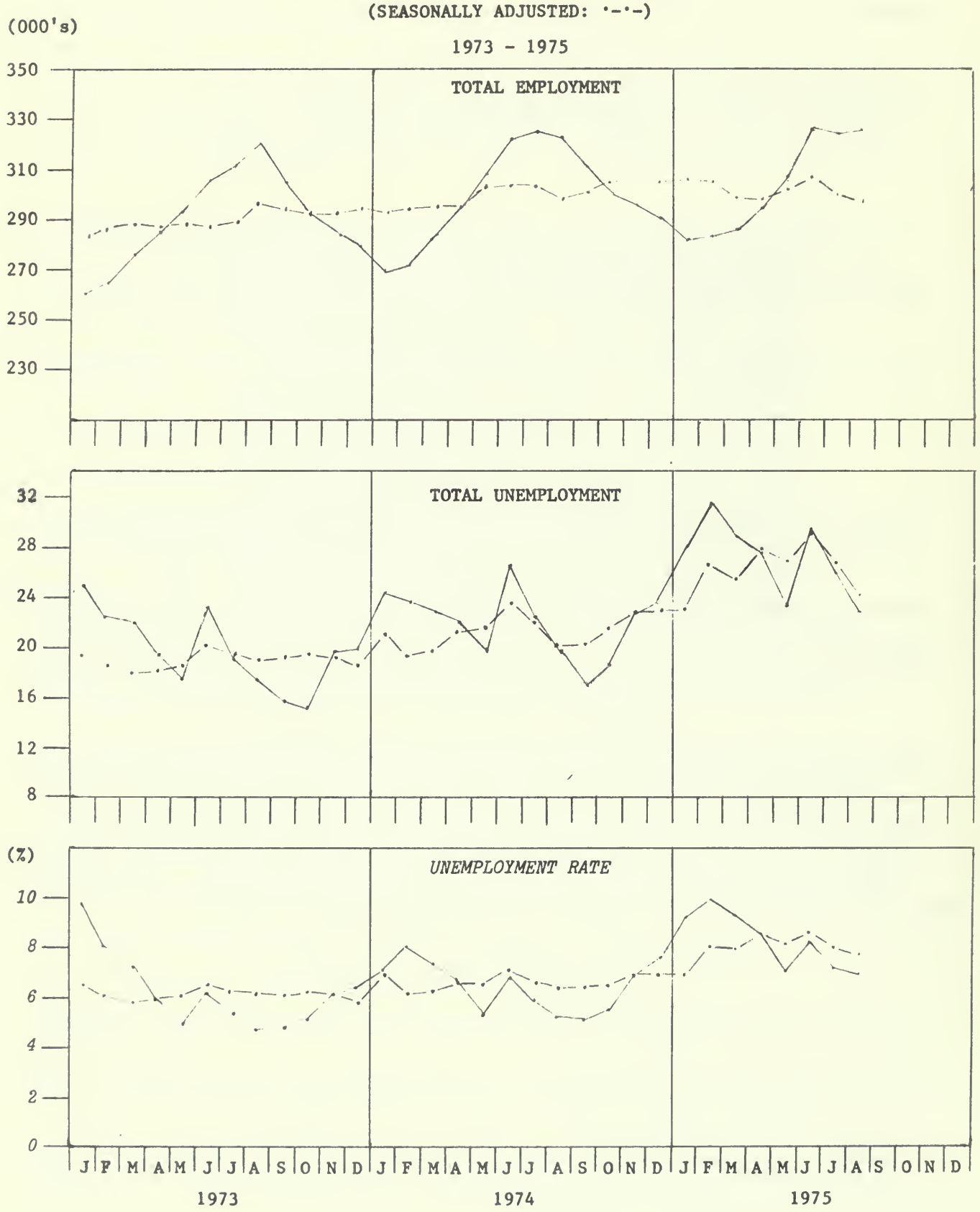


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

SEPTEMBER 1975

STATE OF MONTANA Montana's Civilian Labor Force for August was 351,100, an increase of 400 from last month and an increase of 9,300 from August 1974. The number of unemployed for this month was 23,200 compared with 25,700 in July and 18,000 last year for the same month. Employment for the state increased by 2,900 from the previous month and 4,000 from one year ago. The August unemployment rate was 6.6%, down from the 7.3% recorded in July but significantly up from the 5.3% last August. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) was 251,800, an increase of 700 over last month and 5,800 more than a year ago at the same time. Manufacturing employment for August showed a decrease of 300 from July, and 800 from one year ago.

Nonmanufacturing employment for August was 226,600 compared with 225,600 in July and 220,000 last year. The only industry to record increases from both last month and last year was wholesale and retail. Industries recording increases from one year ago besides wholesale and retail were services and government, while mining, contract construction, and transportation and public utilities showed less employment. August employment for nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households was down 600 from the previous month but up 500 from a year ago.

Montana's 1975 grain crop production is expected to be at a record level when completed. However, development of the grain and harvesting have been delayed due to the abundant moisture this year. Production forecasts of the three major grains (wheat, barley and oats) is up 33% from 1974. Range and pasture condition this year is the best it has been since 1927.

There were 699 building permits issued in Montana in June with a total valuation of $27.8 million. Of the permits, 230 were for residential dwellings including 497 housing units. For the same month one year ago 508 permits were issued valued at $11.4 million. There were 153 residential permits with 199 housing units. Through the first six months of this year, 2,430 permits were issued compared with 2,399 issued last year for the same period. So far this year 858 residential building permits were issued including 1,318 housing units, while for the same time in 1974, 792 permits were issued including 1,315 housing units. Total permits and total housing units for the first half of 1975 in some of the state's leading communities were: Billings, 641 permits, 388 housing units; Great Falls, 382 permits, 122 housing units; Missoula, 358 permits, 262 housing units; Bozeman, 123 permits, 86 housing units; Helena, 176 permits, 73 housing units; Kalispell, 51 permits, 10 housing units; Miles City, 173 permits, 32 housing units.

Montana bank debits for the first seven months in 1975 were up 29% over a year ago. The state's two SMSA's recorded decreases during this time, Billings dropping 6% and Great Falls dropping 3%. Areas showing increases were Belt, Cascade, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Malta, Laurel, Worden, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Livingston and Missoula.

Montana's labor turnover rates for July showed manufacturing accession rates decreasing from last month and last year, while separation rates increased from both last month and last year. Accession rates in the mining industry showed decreases from one month ago and from last year, while separation rates also decreased from both last month and last year.

Average weekly earnings were up $.16 from last month and up $3.84 from a year ago. Average weekly hours were up slightly from July's total but down from the same month last year. Average hourly earnings were $4.46 compared with $4.48 in July, and $4.32 in August 1974. The mining industry recorded largest increase in hourly earnings from a year ago, while the constract construction industry was the only industry to show a decrease.

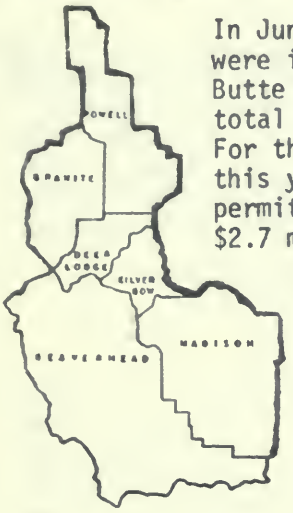
GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

There were 133 building permits issued for July in Great Falls, with a total valuation of $1.3 million. These permits included 28 private housing units. Two projects of interest that were started in July were a $321,500 family and youth center, and a $181,000 remodeling job on the Post Office building. Building continued in the area on a new Vo-Tech center, a new hospital complex and a new retail food store. Bank debits were up 1% in July over the same month last year and were up 5% for the 12-month period through July over the previous year. Total nonagricultural employment in Cascade County was 29,100 for August, an increase of 1,400 over a year ago. Contract construction employment was up 100 over last year, while manufacturing employment dropped by 100. Wholesale-retail and service trades increased 600 from a year ago. By the first of September wet, cold weather had curtailed agricultural activities.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

For July the Billings SMSA had 133 building permits issued with a total valuation of $4.3 million. Of these 82 were for residential permits valued at over $2 million. The first phase in the new Rimrock Mall shopping center is scheduled to open in September with one major department store and about 20 small shops. The $25 million complex will be completed in two phases on a 53-acre site. August's nonagricultural employment was up 1,300 from a year ago in Yellowstone County. Industries showing increased employment over a year ago were contract construction, wholesale and retail, and service industries, and government. Bank debits in July for the Standard Metropolitan Area increased 6% over last year and have remained the same for the 12-month period through July. Spring and winter wheat were yielding average to a little above, and beets and corn were in good shape by the end of August.

ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

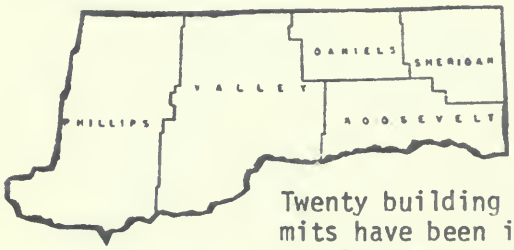


In June, 32 building permits were issued in the cities of Butte and Anaconda with a total valuation of $249,000. For the first 6 months of this year there have been 90 permits issued valued at $2.7 million compared with 74 issued for the same period last year valued at approximately $3 million. At Anaconda work was started on a $1.6 million office and shopping structure that will contain 75,000 square feet. In Deer Lodge a new family restaurant opened with about 40 people employed. Two announcements of special interest for the area were made this month including the local smelter's confirmation of a higher quality ore discovery through recent drilling operations, and the announcement that Butte would be the site of a magnetohydrodynamics generating facility that will cost approximately $50 million, with construction expected later this year. In Madison County construction is to begin on a gold-silver mill that will have the capacity to process 100 tons of ore a day and employ 25 persons. In agriculture, haying was going full speed in the Big Hole, while rain in the Jefferson Valley slowed activities.

BOZEMAN LMA

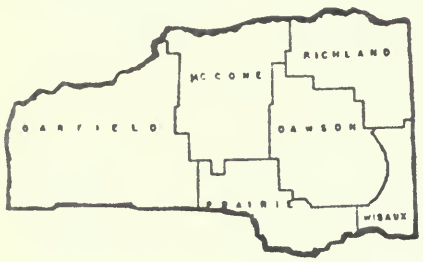
For June, 21 permits were issued in the city with a total valuation of $314,000. During the first 6 months of 1975 there were 123 permits issued valued at $3.5 million. Last year for the same period there were also 123 permits issued with a valuation of $6.2 million. Of this year's permits, 57 were for residential dwellings containing 86 housing units. In Livingston, 54 permits were issued for the first half of the year, valued at $739,000. In 1974, 52 permits were issued valued at $503,000. Thirteen of the 1975 permits were for residential dwellings including 42 housing units. July bank debits in Livingston for the first 6 months of the year were up 4% from one year ago for the same period while at Bozeman debits were up 13% for the same time. By the first of September the main agricultural activities included harvest preparation with wet weather causing some delay. Some farmers were getting a second cutting of alfalfa and other hay.

GLASGOW LMA



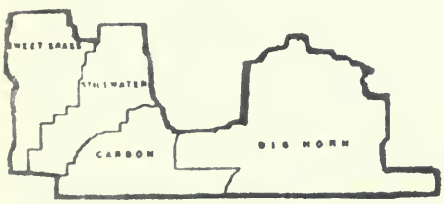
Twenty building permits have been issued in Glasgow during the first six months of 1975 valued at $238,000, while in 1974 for the same time 27 permits were issued with a total valuation of $371,000. At Wolf Point, 9 permits were issued this year from January through June with a valuation of $305,000 compared with 8 permits issued a year ago at the same time valued at $61,000. Construction of a new sports center in Glasgow is progressing well, and remodeling of another building that will house a discount center and employ about 15 people is about complete, with the opening set for September. The area reports that general retail trade activity is stable, and comparable to last year. Bank debits for the first 6 months of this year were up 3% over last year. Rain and cool weather continued to disrupt the spring wheat harvest during the past month.

GLENDIVE LMA



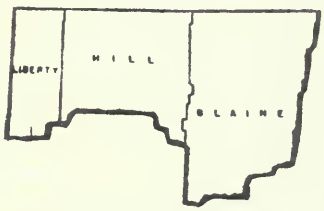
Good weather conditions during the month allowed contractors in the area to work at full capacity. There were seven permits issued in June with a total valuation of $351,000 and for the first six months of 1975 there were 19 permits issued with a valuation of $482,000. Farmers in the area were preparing for beet harvest which will get started in mid-September, while oilfield activity remained slow. Glendive bank debits were up 11% over last year for the first 7 months through July. In the Sidney area beet farmers are preparing for harvest and cultivating for winter crops. There have been 53 building permits issued in Sidney through June valued at $345,000. Bank debits for the city were down 13% from last year through the first 6 months of 1975. Wholesale and retail business is reported good in the area and the sugar factory is getting ready for this year's campaign.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



In Hardin, construction continues on a new savings and loan office and ground was broken on a new 1,700 square foot building that will house a clinic. At Red Lodge, construction work has been steady during the past month with the main activity centered around a new $900,000 nursing home. Expected to get started in approximately one month in Big Timber is a 16 unit-apartment complex that is scheduled for completion in the spring.

HAVRE LMA



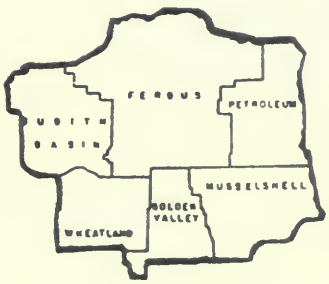
In June, 16 building permits were awarded in Havre and valued at $70,000 and for the year through June 60 permits were issued with a valuation of $1.3 million. All construction projects in the area are moving along on schedule. Ground was broken for a new federal bank building and it was announced that a new multi-million dollar shopping center was being proposed. This center when in operation is expected to provide upwards of 300 permanent jobs for the community. Wholesale and retail trades and exploration drilling all have remained steady during the past month. A large gas well was discovered south of Havre and a large amount of drilling is expected to follow. Bank debits for 1975 through July were up 41% from the same time period one year ago. The main agricultural activities were harvesting and rock picking.

HELENA LMA

Building activity remains good in the Helena area as 176 building permits were issued for the first 6 months of 1975, valued at $3.6 million. Last year for the same time 73 permits were issued valued at $4.7 million. Of these permits for 1975 there were 46 residential containing 73 housing units. Major construction projects in the area include an addition to a government building on Capitol Hill, a new Department of Fish and Game building, a new Department of Welfare building, a new library complex, a new downtown 5-story business building, and a new restaurant. Wholesale, retail and service trades were good throughout the month as was employment in most of the main industrial fields. By the end of August, harvest was in full swing and haying was going strong.

KALISPELL LMA

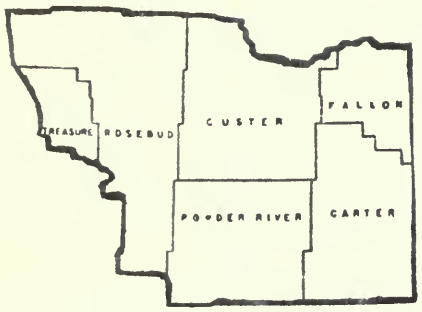
The city of Kalispell reported 13 permits issued in August with a valuation of $129,550. This made the total for 8 months at 94 permits with a valuation of $908,750. At this time in 1974 there had been 125 permits issued with a valuation of $6.5 million. Employment at the Libby Dam Project continued to drop during the past month as 216 workers were employed at the end of August compared with 399 workers in July. At Columbia Falls, work continued on a $2.1 million road bridge project that covers three-tenths of a mile. All other activities in the labor market area were reported to be steady with the lumber and wood products industry showing improvement. Farm work included the second cutting of alfalfa and native hay. All agricultural activities were slowed because of continuing rainy weather.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Main Street activities in Lewistown were average for this time of year with most firms reporting business as being steady. Outside construction work remained at a full-scale operation. The main building activities in the area included a large addition to the state home for the aged, two warehouses, a new bridge, two dams, several new homes, and highway construction work. Buildings completed during the month included a new pizza restaurant and a warehouse. During the first half of 1975 there were 47 building permits issued valued at $699,000, a good increase over last year's amount. Bank debits for July were up 20% over one year ago. Rain and damp during the month have caused a standstill in most farm activities.

MILES CITY LMA

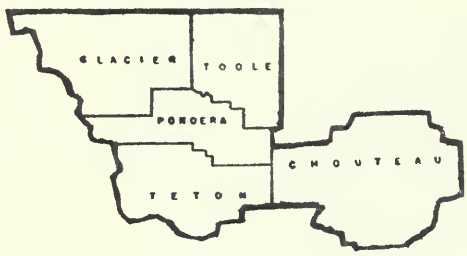


Thirty-nine building permits amounting to $194,910 in construction were issued in Miles City for July. For the 7 months ending in July, 214 permits valued at $1.6 million were issued with 34 of them for new homes valued at $943,400. July bank debits for the city were up 3% over the same month one year ago; however, they were down 9% for the first 7 months of the year. The main agricultural activities in the area included summer fallowing and general farm and ranch work.

MISSOULA LMA

Eighty-four building permits were issued in Missoula in June valued at $2.1 million. For the year there have been 358 issued with total valuation of $8.9 million. Last year for the same period 280 permits were issued with a valuation of $6 million. So far this year there have been 195 residential permits with a total of 262 housing units, while last year during the same period there were 120 residential permits containing 212 housing units. Bank debits in Missoula were up 45% over last year, for the first 7 months. Hamilton reported 21 building permits issued from January through June, valued at $32,000. Preparations for potato harvest are taking place, and the second cutting of hay was in full swing.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



The city of Cut Bank awarded a $1 million contract for water plant improvements. Fifteen building permits were issued in June with a valuation of $21,000 and so far this year 38 permits have been issued with a total value of $111,000. Construction of 6 new homes in the city is underway with several more in the planning stages. Bank debits in Cut Bank for the first 7 months of 1975 were up 7% above last year for the same period. Wet weather during the past month has held up the area's fall harvest. In Liberty County, work is scheduled to get started on a 11,000 square foot building that will house a fabricating plant which will manufacture steel shovels.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's unemployment rate is expected to increase through the rest of the year due to seasonal factors. Most outdoor activities will have their normal seasonal slowdown, while wholesale, retail and service industries will taper off until December and the Christmas holiday season.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	260	111	2,073
CETA-CEP	88	56	338
CETA-INST.	29	45	126
CETA-OJT	32	31	164
JOB CORPS	23	34	238

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S. 1/

(1967 = 100)

Group	Aug. 1975	*Percent Change From:* July 1975	Aug. 1974
All Items	162.8	0.3	8.6%

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AUGUST 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	4.0%
Female	44.3%
Youth	14.1%
Over 45	22.1%

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	*8.8*	*5.5*	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	*7.3*	*5.2*	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	*6.0*	*4.8*	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	*5.0*	*4.3*	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	*6.2*	*5.4*	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	*5.6*	*5.0*	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	*4.9*	*4.7*	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	*5.2*	*4.2*	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	*6.2*	*4.5*	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	*9.3*	*9.0*	*
February	317.3	285.6	256.3	29.3	31.7	*10.0*	*9.1*	*
March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	324.0	296.0	263.1	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	332.3	308.6	270.3	38.3	23.7	*7.1*	*8.3*	.1
June	355.6	326.0	282.4	43.6	29.6	*8.3*	*9.1*	.1
July	350.7	325.0	282.8	42.2	25.7	*7.3*	*8.7*	.2
August	351.1	327.9	282.8	45.1	23.2	*6.6*	*8.2*	*
September	*339.6*	*317.5*	*281.4*	*36.1*	*22.1*	*6.5*		
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#*		
						County	State	
1973								
January	30.1	27.3	26.4	0.9	2.8	*9.1*	*8.8*	*
February	30.2	27.6	26.6	1.0	2.6	*8.6*	*8.1*	*
March	30.8	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.4	*7.7*	*7.3*	*
April	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.0*	*
May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.0*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*6.2*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.6*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*4.8*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.9*	*
October	32.1	30.3	38.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*5.2*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.2*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.4*	*9.3*	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	*9.5*	*10.0*	*
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	*8.5*	*9.2*	.1
April	33.3	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.7	*8.2*	*8.7*	.1
May	33.8	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.4	*7.0*	*7.1*	*
June	35.3	32.5	30.8	1.7	2.8	*8.1*	*8.3*	*
July	34.8	32.0	30.3	1.7	2.8	*7.9*	*7.3*	*
August	34.9	32.4	30. 6	1.8	2.5	*7.2*	*6.6*	*
September	*34.5*	*31.9*	*30.5*	*1.4*	*2.6*	*7.4*	*6.5*	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded numbers).* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	*6.6*	*8.8*	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	*5.5*	*8.1*	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	*4.9*	*7.3*	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	*4.6*	*6.0*	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	*4.7*	*5.0*	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*5.6*	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	*5.1*	*4.8*	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	*4.4*	*4.9*	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	*4.6*	*5.2*	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	*4.9*	*6.2*	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	*4.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	*7.9*	*9.3*	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.0*	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.3	42.9	41.4	1.5	3.4	*7.4*	*8.7*	*
May	46.7	44.1	42.3	1.8	2.6	*5.6*	*7.1*	0
June	48.4	45.0	43.0	2.0	3.4	*7.0*	*8.3*	0
July	48.4	45.2	43.3	1.9	3.2	*6.6*	*7.3*	0
August	48.5	45.5	43.4	2.1	3.0	*6.2*	*6.6*	*
September	*47.3*	*44.6*	*42.9*	*1.7*	*2.7*	*5.8*	*6.5*	*
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: Aug. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	351.1	350.7	341.8	0.4	9.3
2. Unemployment	23.2	25.7	18.0	-2.5	5.2
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.6*	*7.3*	*5.3*	*-0.7*	*1.3*
3. Employment, Total	327.9	325.0	323.9	2.9	4.0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	249.5	248.9	245.1	0.6	4.4
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*251.8*	*251.1*	*246.0*	*0.7*	*5.8*
MANUFACTURING	*25.2*	*25.5*	*26.0*	*-0.3*	*-0.8*
Durable Goods	*17.1*	*17.3*	*17.3*	*-0.2*	*-0.2*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*10.5*	*10.4*	*10.3*	*0.1*	*0.2*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.4*	*3.5*	*-0.2*	*-0.3*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*-0.1*	*-0.1*
Nondurable Goods	*8.1*	*8.2*	*8.7*	*-0.1*	*-0.6*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.8*	*3.9*	*4.1*	*-0.1*	*-0.3*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-0.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*0*	*0.1*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.2*	*1.2*	*1.5*	*0*	*-0.3*
NONMANUFACTURING	*226.6*	*225.6*	*220.0*	*1.0*	*6.6*
Mining	*7.0*	*7.3*	*8.0*	*-0.3*	*-1.0*
10 Metal Mining	*2.9*	*3.2*	*4.5*	*-0.3*	*-1.6*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.6*	*0*	*0.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.1*	*2.1*	*1.9*	*0*	*0.2*

Contract Construction	13.9	13.7	15.7	0.2	-1.8
15 General Building Contractors	6.2	6.0	6.4	0.2	-0.2
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.6	2.7	4.3	-0.1	-1.7
17 Special Trade Contractors	5.1	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.8	19.8	20.5	0	-0.7
40 Railroad Transportation	6.1	6.3	6.7	-0.2	-0.6
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.9	5.7	6.3	0.2	-0.4
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.8	7.8	7.5	0	0.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	65.1	64.3	63.0	0.8	2.1
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.7	13.1	-0.2	-0.6
Retail Trade	52.6	51.6	49.9	1.0	2.7
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	9.0	8.9	8.2	0.1	0.8
54 Food Stores	6.9	6.7	6.7	0.2	0.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.8	8.6	8.7	0.2	0.1
58 Eating and Drinking Places	17.2	16.8	16.0	0.4	1.2
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	10.7	10.6	10.3	0.1	0.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.7	10.7	10.7	0	0
Services	49.2	48.2	46.2	1.0	3.0
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	8.4	8.3	8.1	0.1	0.3
72 Personal Services	2.9	2.8	2.8	0.1	0.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.3	13.9	13.8	0.4	0.5
Other Services	23.6	23.2	21.5	0.4	2.1
Government	60.9	61.6	55.9	-0.7	5.0
91 Federal Government	14.7	14.6	14.6	0.1	0.1
State and Local Government	46.2	47.0	41.3	-0.8	4.9
92 State Government	16.1	16.2	16.1	-0.1	0
93 Local Government	30.1	30.8	25.2	-0.7	4.9
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	33.3	33.9	32.8	-0.6	0.5
(c) Agriculture	45.1	42.2	46.0	2.9	-0.9
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	.2	*	-0.2	*

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1975	Aug. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	34.9	34.8	33.8	.1	1.1
2. Unemployment	2.5	2.8	2.0	-.3	.5
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.2*	*7.9*	*5.8*	*-.7*	*1.4*
3. Employment, Total	32.4	32.0	31.8	.4	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	28.0	27.7	27.3	.3	.7
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*29.1*	*28.9*	*27.7*	*.2*	*1.4*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*27.2*	*27.0*	*25.7*	*.2*	*1.5*
Contract Construction	*2.1*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*.1*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*0*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.8*	*8.7*	*8.2*	*.1*	*.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.1*	*6.1*	*5.5*	*0*	*.6*
Government	*5.6*	*5.6*	*5.6*	*0*	*0*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.8	1.7	2.0	.1	-.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

AUGUST 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: July 1975	Aug. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	48.5	48.4	47.0	.1	1.5
2. Unemployment	3.0	3.2	2.1	-.2	.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.2*	*6.6*	*4.4*	*-.4*	*1.8*
3. Employment, Total	45.5	45.2	44.9	.3	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	38.9	38.8	38.1	.1	.8
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*39.1*	*39.0*	*37.8*	*.1*	*1.3*
MANUFACTURING	*3.5*	*3.4*	*3.6*	*.1*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*35.6*	*35.6*	*34.2*	*0*	*1.4*
Contract Construction	*2.4*	*2.3*	*2.3*	*.1*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.6*	*3.6*	*3.8*	*0*	*-.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.6*	*12.6*	*12.1*	*0*	*.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*0*	*0*
Services and Mining	*8.3*	*8.2*	*8.0*	*.1*	*.3*
Government	*6.7*	*6.9*	*6.0*	*-.2*	*.7*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	2.1	1.9	2.4	.2	-.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
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Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	June 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1975	June 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1975	June 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1975	June 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1975
STATEWIDE	355.6	350.7	351.1	326.0	325.0	327.9	29.6	25.7	23.2	*8.3*	*7.3*	*6.6*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	35.3	34.8	34.9	32.5	32.0	32.4	2.8	2.8	2.5	*8.1*	*7.9*	*7.2*
BILLINGS SMSA	48.4	48.4	48.5	45.0	45.2	45.5	3.4	3.2	3.0	*7.0*	*6.6*	*6.2*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	271.9	267.5	267.7	248.5	247.8	250.0	23.4	19.7	17.7	*8.6*	*7.4*	*6.6*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.5	36.6	37.0	33.4	33.4	33.5	4.1	3.2	3.5	*10.9*	*8.9*	*9.5*
BOZEMAN	26.2	25.7	25.8	24.1	24.1	24.4	2.1	1.6	1.4	*7.8*	*6.3*	*5.6*
GLASGOW	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.0	17.0	17.2	1.0	.9	.8	*5.4*	*4.9*	*4.5*
GLENDIVE	14.9	14.7	14.8	14.1	14.1	14.2	.8	.6	.6	*5.5*	*4.4*	*3.9*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.1	10.8	10.8	10.2	10.1	10.2	.9	.7	.6	*8.3*	*6.1*	*5.8*
HAVRE	13.9	13.7	13.8	13.1	12.9	13.1	.8	.8	.7	*6.0*	*5.7*	*5.2*
HELENA	23.1	23.0	22.9	21.4	21.4	21.5	1.7	1.6	1.4	*7.5*	*6.9*	*6.2*
KALISPELL	36.2	35.2	35.0	31.5	31.4	31.7	4.7	3.8	3.3	*13.0*	*10.8*	*9.5*
LEWISTOWN	13.1	12.9	13.0	12.4	12.3	12.5	.7	.6	.5	*5.3*	*4.5*	*3.5*
MILES CITY	14.2	14.0	14.1	13.4	13.4	13.5	.8	.6	.6	*5.4*	*4.5*	*4.0*
MISSOULA	42.7	42.3	41.6	38.0	37.9	38.1	4.7	4.4	3.5	*10.9*	*10.4*	*8.3*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	21.0	20.7	20.9	19.9	19.8	20.1	1.1	.9	.8	*5.4*	*4.3*	*3.7*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	351.1	341.8	2.7	327.9	323.9	1.2	23.2	17.9	5.3	6.6	5.3	1.3
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.9	33.8	3.3	32.4	31.8	1.9	2.5	2.0	.5	7.2	5.8	1.4
BILLINGS SMSA	48.5	47.0	3.2	45.5	44.9	1.3	3.0	2.1	.9	6.2	4.4	1.8
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	267.7	261.0	2.6	250.0	247.2	1.1	17.7	13.8	3.9	6.6	5.3	1.3
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.0	37.3	-.8	33.5	35.5	-5.6	3.5	1.8	1.7	9.5	4.9	4.6
BOZEMAN	25.8	26.0	-.8	24.4	24.8	-1.6	1.4	1.2	.2	5.6	4.6	1.0
GLASGOW	18.0	17.3	4.0	17.2	16.6	3.6	.8	.7	.1	4.5	4.1	.4
GLENDIVE	14.8	14.1	3.8	14.2	13.7	3.6	.6	.4	.2	3.9	3.1	.8
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.8	12.5	-13.6	10.2	11.8	-13.6	.6	.7	-.1	5.8	5.9	-.1
HAVRE	13.8	12.3	12.2	13.1	11.7	12.0	.7	.6	.1	5.2	4.8	.4
HELENA	22.9	22.2	3.2	21.5	21.1	1.9	1.4	1.1	.3	6.2	4.9	1.3
KALISPELL	35.0	33.4	4.8	31.7	30.4	4.3	3.3	3.0	.3	9.5	9.0	.5
LEWISTOWN	13.0	11.5	13.0	12.5	11.1	12.6	.5	.4	.1	3.5	3.8	-.3
MILES CITY	14.1	14.2	-.7	13.5	13.8	-2.2	.6	.4	.2	4.0	3.1	.9
MISSOULA	41.6	41.5	.2	38.1	38.8	-1.8	3.5	2.7	.8	8.3	6.5	1.8
SHELBY-CUT BANK	20.9	18.7	12.4	20.1	17.9	12.9	.8	.8	-	3.7	4.1	-.4

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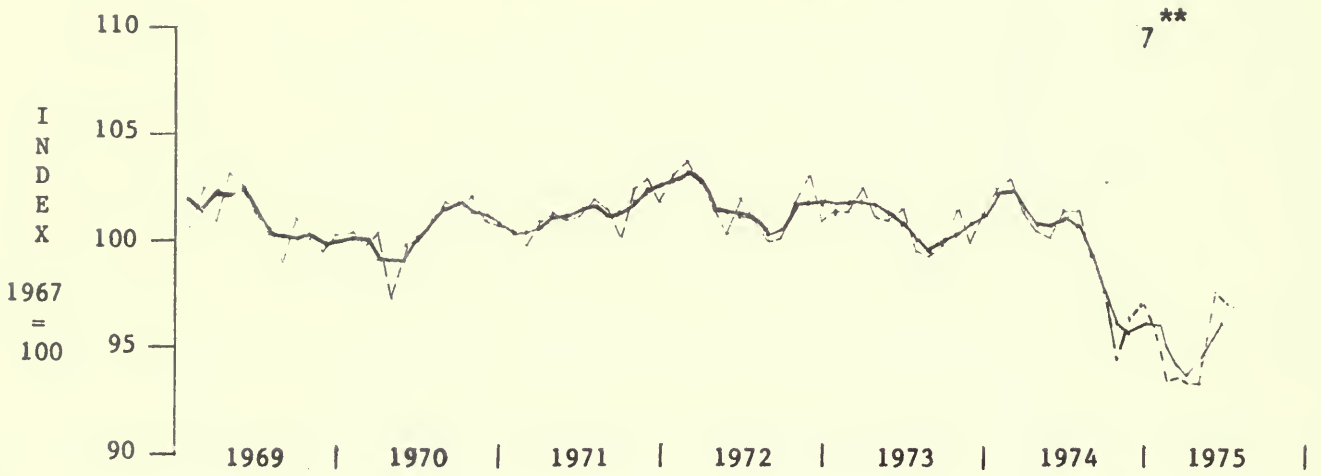
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8
February	93.5
March	93.8
April	93.5
May	93.2
June	97.5
July	97.2
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

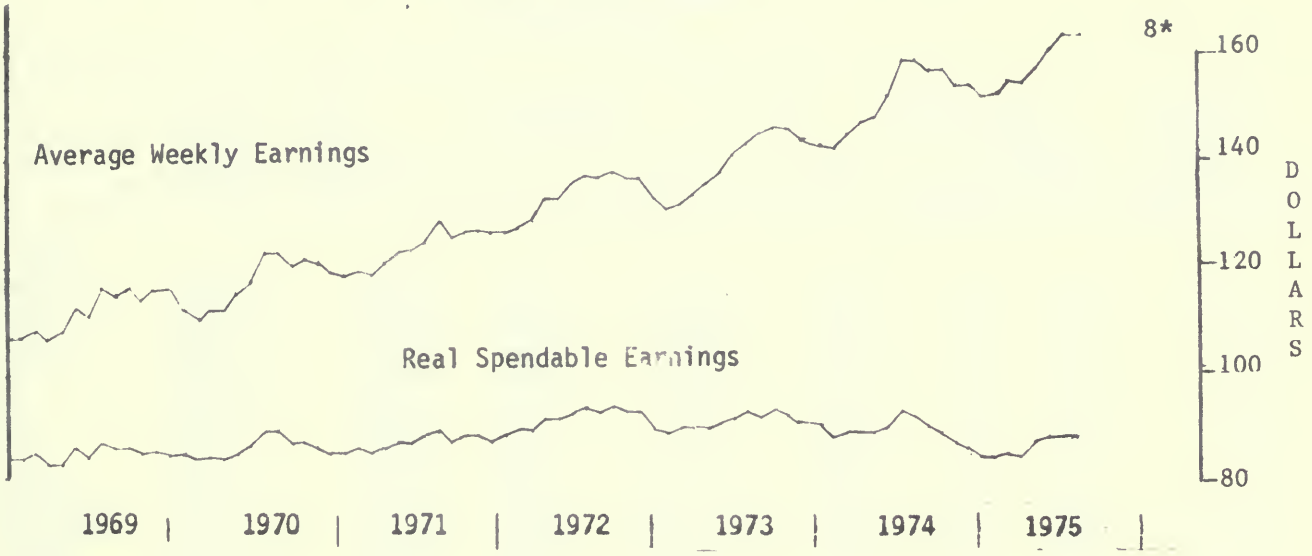
Following last month's upturn - recording the highest mark since last September - the index declined slightly in July to 97.2. Four of the six leading indicators displayed negative trends and as expected, inital claims were up in the third consecutive month. At the same time, average weekly hours and accessions were both down from June. On the positive side, manufacturing employment and building permits are continuing their increase over the previous month. Next month initial claims are expected to increase, while manufacturing employment is expected to decrease. From preliminary indications, the composite index appears to be leveling off.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$163.68	$163.52	$159.84
Taxes Withheld	22.96	22.92	24.48
Spendable Earnings	140.71	140.60	135.37
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 196	54.29	53.97	45.06
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	86.42	86.63	90.31

1974	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jul.	$159.90	$91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	163.68p	86.42p
Sep.		
Oct.		
Nov.		
Dec.		

Even though the national rate of inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, had decreased significantly during the past month, Montana production workers were unable to benefit from this short-term prosperity. Specifically, average weekly earnings rose less than 0.1% from July at $163.52 to $163.68 in August, which was insufficient in offsetting the lowest monthly inflationary increase since September of 1973. Therefore, real spendable earnings in August declined to $86.42 from the July level of $86.63. Consequently, inflation is once again adversely affecting Montana wage earners.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	303.1	283.5	250.4	33.1	19.6	6.5	5.0	.1
February	304.8	286.1	251.5	34.6	18.7	6.1	5.1	*
March	306.7	288.7	253.0	35.7	18.0	5.9	5.0	*
April	305.6	287.4	252.6	34.8	18.2	6.0	5.0	.2
May	307.0	288.2	252.7	35.5	18.8	6.1	5.0	.4
June	307.2	287.1	254.7	32.4	20.1	6.5	4.8	.5
July	309.1	289.7	252.4	37.3	19.4	6.3	4.7	*
August	315.4	296.2	253.4	42.8	19.2	6.1	4.8	.1
September	313.9	294.6	254.9	39.7	19.3	6.1	4.8	.1
October	313.3	293.7	256.3	37.4	19.6	6.3	4.5	.1
November	311.6	292.2	256.4	35.8	19.4	6.2	4.7	*
December	312.8	294.4	258.4	36.0	18.4	5.9	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	6.2	4.9	.1
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	7.0	8.2	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	8.1	8.2	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	7.9	8.7	.3
April	326.1	298.0	267.0	31.0	28.1	8.6	8.9	.2
May	329.9	302.9	267.5	35.4	27.0	8.2	9.2	.1
June	336.6	307.3	272.6	34.7	29.3	8.7	8.6	.1
July	330.0	303.3	271.7	31.6	26.7	8.1	8.4	.2
August	328.6	302.5	271.9	30.6	26.1	7.9	8.4	*
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	31.4	29.1	27.7	1.4	2.3	7.3	6.5	*
February	31.5	29.2	27.7	1.5	2.3	7.3	6.1	*
March	31.5	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.3	7.3	5.9	*
April	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	7.3	6.0	*
May	32.1	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.5	7.8	6.1	*
June	32.3	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.7	8.4	6.5	0
July	32.4	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.4	7.4	6.3	0
August	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.1	0
September	32.2	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.2	6.8	6.1	*
October	32.3	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.3	0
November	32.1	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.2	6.9	6.2	*
December	32.0	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.1	6.6	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	7.2	6.2	*
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	8.1	7.9	.1
April	33.4	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.9	8.7	8.6	.1
May	33.8	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.6	7.6	8.2	*
June	33.7	31.2	29.9	1.3	2.5	7.4	8.7	*
July	33.5	30.8	29.5	1.3	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
August	33.7	31.1	30.0	1.1	2.6	7.7	7.9	
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	5.2	6.5	*
February	42.1	40.2	38.7	1.5	1.9	4.5	5.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.1	1.6	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	43.3	41.1	39.4	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.0	*
May	43.4	41.0	39.4	1.6	2.4	5.5	6.1	*
June	43.9	41.3	39.8	1.5	2.6	5.9	6.5	.3
July	43.9	41.4	39.8	1.6	2.5	5.7	6.3	*
August	44.8	42.3	40.1	2.2	2.5	5.6	6.1	*
September	44.1	41.9	40.1	1.8	2.2	5.0	6.1	*
October	44.1	41.7	40.0	1.7	2.4	5.4	6.3	*
November	44.3	42.0	40.4	1.6	2.3	5.2	6.2	*
December	44.3	42.5	40.8	1.7	1.8	4.1	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.2	*
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	0
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	0
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	0
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	0
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	6.7	7.0	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	7.1	8.1	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	7.9	.1
April	46.7	43.0	41.5	1.5	3.7	7.9	8.6	*
May	46.8	43.8	42.2	1.6	3.0	6.5	8.2	0
June	46.8	43.6	42.0	1.6	3.2	6.8	8.7	0
July	47.0	43.9	42.6	1.3	3.1	6.6	8.1	*
August	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	7.9	
September								
October								
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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

AUGUST 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974	Aug. 1975	July 1975	Aug. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$163.68	$163.52	$159.84	36.7	36.5	37.0	$4.46	$4.48	$4.32
MANUFACTURING	193.07	188.64	199.43	37.2	36.0	38.8	5.19	5.24	5.14
Durable Goods	186.48	185.34	201.10	37.0	36.2	39.2	5.04	5.12	5.13
Primary Metal Industries	243.70	239.78	220.99	37.9	38.0	40.4	6.43	6.31	5.47
Nondurable Goods	212.44	197.68	195.05	37.8	35.3	37.8	5.62	5.60	5.16
Food and Kindred Products	199.53	194.18	186.59	39.2	37.2	40.3	5.09	5.22	4.63
MINING	286.82	284.49	239.09	44.4	43.7	40.8	6.46	6.51	5.86
Metal Mining	284.00	286.90	242.26	41.4	41.7	39.2	6.86	6.88	6.18
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	290.25	293.31	294.39	37.5	37.7	36.3	7.74	7.78	8.11
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	256.61	257.47	244.38	43.2	43.2	43.1	5.94	5.96	5.67
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	217.71	219.22	187.31	41.0	40.9	39.6	5.31	5.36	4.73
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	129.95	129.95	122.76	36.4	36.3	36.0	3.57	3.57	3.41
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	118.82	118.86	112.73	36.9	36.8	36.6	3.22	3.23	3.08
SERVICES	105.95	106.60	103.06	32.7	32.9	33.9	3.24	3.24	3.04

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

JULY 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974	July 1975	June 1975	July 1974
MANUFACTURING	4.9	7.4	5.4	4.2	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.7	3.5	1.9	2.3	2.5	.9	.5	.4
Durable Goods	5.2	7.5	4.8	4.3	5.8	3.4	3.5	4.1	3.7	2.0	2.5	2.6	.5	.5	.4
Primary Metal Industries	2.0	6.7	3.6	0	.5	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.2	.5	.3	1.1	.9	1.4	0
Nondurable Goods	4.3	7.0	6.5	4.0	2.7	6.3	4.6	2.7	3.0	1.7	1.7	2.4	1.9	.5	.4
MINING	3.3	4.0	6.1	2.2	3.0	8.6	2.6	5.2	5.8	1.2	1.6	2.2	.5	1.3	.2
Metal Mining	1.1	1.2	6.8	0	0	2.5	2.9	8.0	5.0	.3	.5	2.0	1.0	2.9	0

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	14	28	192	164
MINING	0	3	44	34
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19	32	220	251
MANUFACTURING	7	12	72	98
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	6	1	43	75
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	36	51	377	413
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	9	11	140	142
SERVICES	67	76	620	547
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	2	0
STATE TOTAL	158	214	1,710	1,724

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	1975	1974
STATE OF MONTANA	158	214	1,710	1,724
GREAT FALLS SMSA	18	15	161	133
BILLINGS SMSA	30	23	265	255
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	12	21	129	135
Beaverhead	2	4	30	20
Deer Lodge	2	4	16	15
Granite	0	1	1	7
Madison	0	1	16	7
Powell	0	3	9	17
Silver Bow	8	8	57	69
BOZEMAN LMA	10	25	149	150
Gallatin	7	22	125	122
Meagher	0	0	4	4
Park	3	3	20	24
GLASGOW LMA	8	5	74	60
Daniels	1	1	18	6
Phillips	1	1	13	6
Roosevelt	4	2	19	9
Sheridan	1	1	13	9
Valley	1	0	11	30
GLENDIVE LMA	6	9	68	57
Dawson	1	2	31	25
Garfield	0	1	6	7
McCone	2	1	7	5
Prairie	0	1	1	3
Richland	3	4	22	16
Wibaux	0	0	1	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	1	7	53	58
Big Horn	0	3	25	16
Carbon	0	2	8	22
Stillwater	1	2	12	14
Sweet Grass	0	0	8	6

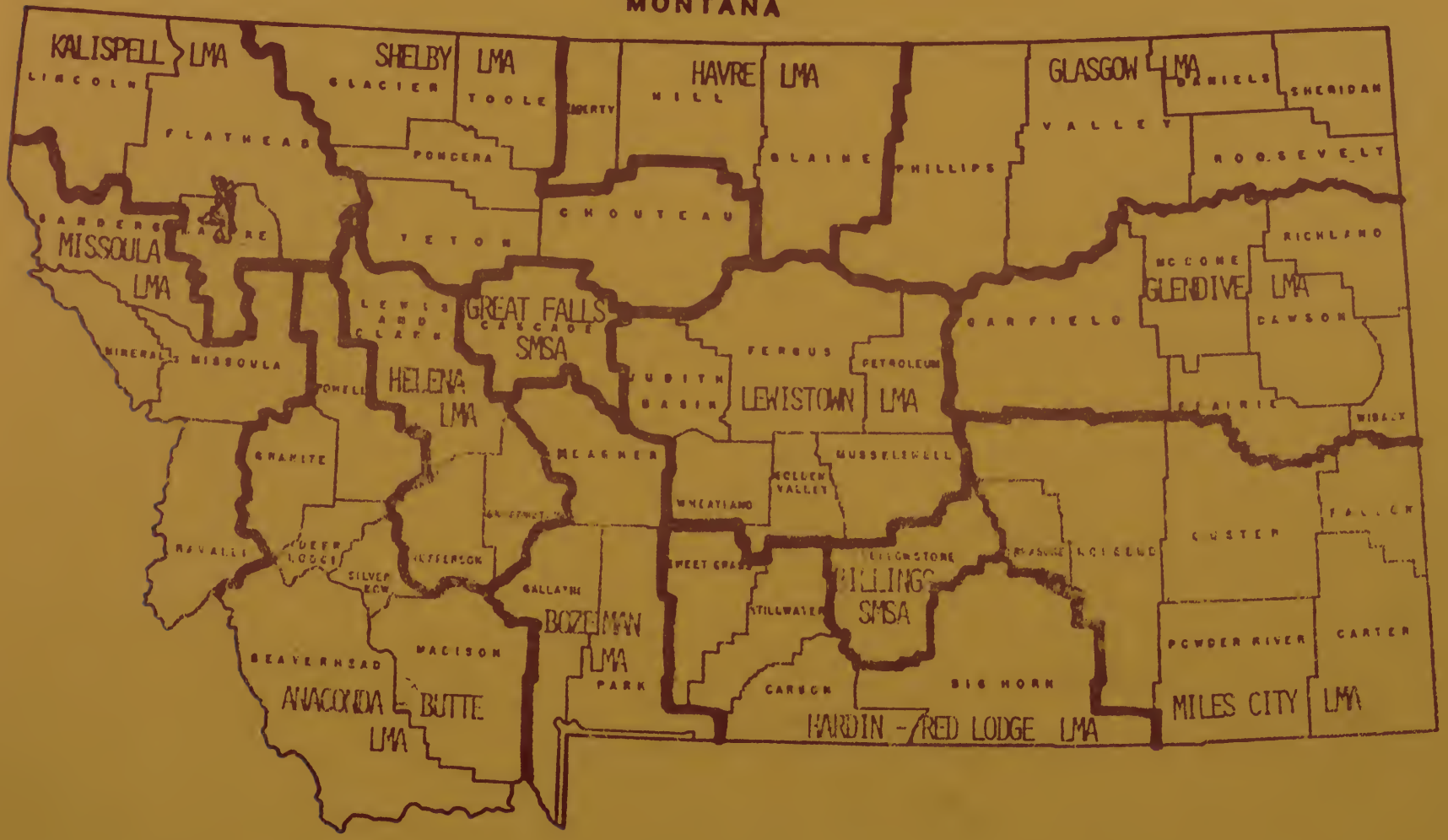
Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	Aug. 1975	Aug. 1974	1975	1974
HAVRE LMA	6	11	62	57
Blaine	2	1	15	7
Hill	4	9	43	44
Liberty	0	1	4	6
HELENA LMA	12	10	99	118
Broadwater	0	0	6	3
Jefferson	0	0	10	10
Lewis and Clark	12	10	83	105
KALISPELL LMA	22	19	180	221
Flathead	14	10	127	141
Lake	7	3	37	53
Lincoln	1	6	16	27
LEWISTOWN LMA	2	4	31	52
Fergus	0	4	20	24
Golden Valley	0	0	0	3
Judith Basin	0	0	0	7
Musselshell	1	0	7	10
Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Wheatland	1	0	4	8
MILES CITY LMA	4	11	80	77
Carter	0	0	4	2
Custer	3	6	35	48
Fallon	1	1	15	11
Powder River	0	0	4	3
Rosebud	0	4	20	13
Treasure	0	0	2	0
MISSOULA LMA	23	45	291	286
Mineral	0	1	15	4
Missoula	20	34	209	211
Ravalli	1	9	36	49
Sanders	2	1	31	22
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	4	9	68	65
Chouteau	0	2	7	9
Glacier	3	2	25	17
Pondera	0	4	16	12
Teton	0	1	10	14
Toole	1	0	10	13

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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